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PUTTING SOME PERKS BACK IN THE BURGH

A combination ribbon cutting and grand opening ceremony were held June 3, at the 911th Airlift Wing in Pittsburgh, for the new “Perksburgh Café,” a quaint little place many Reservists would say appeals to the senses.

As you walk into the freshly-painted, contemporary looking café the first thing being attacked is the sense of smell from aromas of various coffees, teas and delectable goodies. Then, sight takes over causing you to sort of inhale through the eyes a color scheme which, along with the rest of the furniture and artwork, creates a sense of relaxation.

If relaxation is what you had in mind all along then, settle down in one of the comfy chairs and begin watching the high definition, 42 inch flat-screen television hanging on the wall in the lounge



Photo by Senior Airman Ian D. Carrier

From left to right, Colonel Patricia Blassie, Mission Support Group Commander; Mr. Jerry Cardinal, AFRC Services Director; Mr. Chris McIntire, 911th Services Director; Colonel Randal Bright, Wing Commander; Mr. Franco Harris, Former Pittsburgh Steeler; Mr. Bob Moeslein, Base Civil Engineer; Mr. Phil Frantangeli, Santa Barbara Applied Research Project Manager.

area. If watching television isn't your cup of tea, move to the café area which has a seating capacity for approximately 35 people. Of course, you might first want to grab a cup of

java and a scone to help wake-up.

Who would have imagined that the former snack bar could be renovated into something members at the Air Force Reserve Base could be

really proud of?

“One person in particular might have had something to do with that vision,” said Mr. Jerry Cardinal, AFRC Services Director.

“When you put a services guy (speaking of Mr. Chris McIntire, 911th Director of Services), with a services thought

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Commander's Corner

Congratulations and well done! The Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General Teams were wowed by what they saw during the June unit training assembly. The Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI), Maintenance Standardization and Evaluation Program (MSEP), and Health Services Inspection (HSI) all went exceptionally well.

I was very proud to be congratulated, on your behalf, by Maj. Gen. Mazick at his commander's meeting that following Tuesday.

22nd Air Force is also proud of your performance and, they have reason to be. The UCI, MSEP, and HSI teams found areas that need improvement, but not too many. The wing, as a team, is in an enviable position from other wings that are approaching their inspections. We proved our readiness and demonstrated that we do the job the right way, the first time. Keep up the great work and we will continue to excel.

Now that the June UTA is over and all of the inspections are behind us, we can focus on the highlight of the year for the wing and the community, the "Wings over Pittsburgh: Operation Homecoming" air show. We have been in the planning stage for several months, essentially since the last air show. We will proudly produce this year's air show in the traditional 911th Airlift Wing manner, proving once again our "excellence in all we do!" Everyone needs to remain focused on this event and present for this UTA. It is going to take all of us to produce this air show and demonstrate to the community that we are good stewards of their tax dollars. Be prepared for long but enjoyable days. This could be our best air show to date, but we can't do it without the entire team. I look forward to seeing you during the July UTA.

As I mentioned in last month's *Flyover*, we are in the 101 critical days of summer with all of the activities that we like to do with family and friends. Please remember to be safe out there. Be sure to run a risk assessment on anything you plan to do, especially if it is outside of your normal routine.

This week will mark our 230th birthday as a great nation. We have a lot to be proud and thankful of. This is the only country in the world where one can be free on all fronts, but that freedom comes with an expense. Folks such as you have paid that debt so that all Americans can enjoy this freedom. Enjoy this holiday as you have earned it, but let's not forget that we have folks still serving, proudly today. Please be safe but enjoy yourselves.

Again, thank you for the service that you provide for our nation. I am both honored and proud to be your commander.



Col. Randal L. Bright



Letter to Airmen:

Personal Financial Management

by Michael W. Wynne, *Secretary of the Air Force and Gen. T. Michael Moseley, U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff*

Air Force mission success begins with you — the individual Airman. All Airmen must possess constant professional and personal situational awareness to ensure positive impact on their unit's mission. Although we often see our professional life in a very disciplined way, we sometimes don't realize how our personal well-being affects our job performance. Being on solid financial footing is one way you can positively affect your life.

For example, hurricane season is now upon us. We urge you, particularly if you live in an area prone to nature's fury, to examine how prepared you are to protect your family financially. One of the lessons learned from the past year's natural disasters is that *after* the disaster is not the time to assess your insurance needs. Too many of our teammates, including retirees, were caught unprepared and now are bearing an avoidable financial burden.

All Air Force members, whether living on base or off, should consider their family's needs for adequate personal property (renter's) insurance. Make a detailed inventory of your personal property — even a simple videotaping could help. If you are a homeowner, consider purchasing flood insurance. Finally, don't forget *comprehensive* coverage for your cars (liability insurance won't pay for a storm-damaged vehicle). Remember the adage, "chance favors the prepared."

Once you have protected your family through insurance, turn your attention to other facets of personal financial management. Air Force Family Support Centers possess a wealth of information to educate you on the many tools available to help you manage debt, begin saving, protect against identity theft and secure your family's future. Your local Judge Advocate General office can help with consumer and debt problems as well. Moreover, every Air Force base offers financial classes to help you setup a realistic household budget, live within your means and learn the basics of taxes and investing. Though it seems like a long way off, investing today will help you maximize the cumulative effects of a disciplined savings plan for your family.

As John Wayne once said, "The fastest way to double your money is to fold it over one time. Then put it where it will grow." Along those lines, the Air Force offers the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) which allows your money to grow tax-deferred while being automatically deducted from your pay through allotments — this is an easy way to invest your money systematically.

We want confident and proud Airmen. When your personal life is in order, you are a better warfighter for the Joint Team. Gaining and retaining control of your family's personal finances will provide you the right situational awareness to truly focus on the professional side of your life. If you want to be secure tomorrow, the time to start acting is today!

QUICK CLIPS

Stressed out?

If you're feeling a little stressed lately and need to relax, call (412) 474-8245 to book a massage. Massages are offered every Wednesday and Friday at the 911th Fitness Center.

Old Photos

Anyone who has old photographs of the base from its beginning stages to present day are encouraged to contact the 911th History Office at (412) 474-8682.

New Website

The new 911th website is now online. Please visit us at, www.pittsburgh.afrc.af.mil

Family Day

In recognition of those who have served in support of the Global War on Terrorism, and for the families who provided the strong foundation necessary for our Airmen when their country called, a Wing Family Day is scheduled for August 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Children's games and activities are planned.

UTA Pay dates

Primary: July 17

Alternate: August 1

(Dates are subject to change without prior notification)

**PERKS, CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE**

process, in a services position, you get a person who is a visionary,” said Mr. Cardinal. “And that’s what it takes sometimes to get a concept such as this up and rolling.”

“This is a benchmark program for the Air Force Reserve Command,” said Mr. McIntire. “We are offering an expanded menu with more variety. We not only have Starbucks coffee, we have soups, salads, sandwiches and other specialty items that offer something for both the health conscious, as well as the not-so health conscious.”

So what does it take for a concept of this nature to get off the ground?

“It takes a lot of team work,” said Mr. McIntire. “It was a team effort and a culmination of ideas ranging from color scheme, to logo, to type of furniture,” he said. “We wanted it to recognize the pride we have in our base and its personnel.”

“We needed to first get the buy-in from the wing commander (Col. Randal L. Bright), who was for the idea when he found out we could have Starbucks coffee,” said Mr. McIntire.

“When I first mentioned the idea of a coffee shop to the colonel, he asked ‘Can you sell Starbucks coffee?’” “When I told him we could, his next question was ‘Who’s going to pay for it,’” said Mr. McIntire.

With most any renovation, there comes the question of funding.

Mr. McIntire decided to place a call to AFRC Services Director, Mr. Cardinal, to help answer that question.

“I sold the idea to Mr. Cardinal at AFRC, and he was most gra-

cious in providing us with an initial startup grant of \$35,000 to help get this off the ground,” said Mr. McIntire. “We also were able to use local nonappropriated funds money to the tune of about \$10,000,” he said.

The big payoff

After all the hard work was completed, the project wrapped up with the combined ceremonies taking place during the June UTA. Everyone on base, as well as some special guests, was invited.

“This is a benchmark program for the Air Force Reserve Command.”

*Mr. Chris McIntire,
911th Director of Services*

One of the special guests in attendance was former Pittsburgh Steeler running back Mr. Franco Harris, most notably known for his fingertip catch in the 1972 AFC divisional playoff game against the Oakland Raiders, a catch later termed the “Immaculate Reception.”

“We invited Mr. Harris because he owns a company called *Super Bakery*, and we are using some of his healthier products on our menu,” said Mr. McIntire.

“We also thought it would be great having him here since most of our artwork in the café revolves around the *City of Champions* and the proud people of Pittsburgh,” he said.

Another special guest also in attendance was Mr. Jerry Cardinal who flew from Robins AFB, Ga., to join the 911th AW in the ceremonies.

“It’s amazing,” said Mr. Cardinal. “This is definitely a touch-down! It blew away my greatest

expectation of how I thought it was going to be,” he said.

After the ceremonies, members were flowing in as quickly as the coffee was flowing out. Starbucks had donated enough coffee mugs for everyone on base. Of course, a free cup of coffee came with it.

Everyone was able to also partake in some of those delectable goodies, thanks to donations from vendors such as Otis Spunkmeyer and Krispy Kreme.

“The great thing about the café is that everyone can enjoy some of the other benefits as well,” said Mr. Aaron Spangler, 911th Services Squadron marketing assistant.

The base did not have control over the funds generated by the business with the former snack bar. Now, according to Mr. Spangler, the situation is quite different.

“Being services owned helps put the money right back into the hands of the Reservist through programs such as MWR (morale, welfare and recreation),” said Mr. Spangler.

“This is a great way to end an exceptional Unit Compliance Inspection. The wing did an outstanding job presenting themselves to the AFRC/IG team and now it is time to reward those actions. The *Perksburgh Café* is a place that all members of the 911th can be proud,” said Col. Bright.

Although not everyone was able to attend the event, it seems that those who did attend discovered one of those other senses that the *Perksburgh Café* appeals to. It’s that good old sense of pride.





AFRC Patch

Air Force Reserve Command is in the process of making the wear of the AFRC patch mandatory on battle dress uniforms and flight suits for unit reservists and headquarters staffers.

Those assigned to the AFRC headquarters and the Air Reserve Personnel Center can start wearing the patch now. Oct. 1 is the mandatory wear date.

The new patch policy does not apply to mobilization assistants, individual mobilization augmentees and full-time members of the Active Guard and Reserve assigned outside the command.

"Our Air Force reservists are proud to be Airmen in our Air Force today. As we try our best to be an 'Unrivaled Wingman,' we are proud of our heritage as Citizen Airmen" said Lt. Gen. John A. Bradley, AFRC commander.

The AFRC patch will go on the right breast pocket. Unit commanders may approve the wear of one sewn-on, subdued patch on the left breast pocket, either a numbered air force, wing or squadron organizational patch. That patch will be centered between the left and right edges and the bottom of the flap and the bottom of the pocket.

AFRC officials approved the purchase of the patches last year, and most units have already received funding to buy them.

(AFRC News Service)



PLANNING A PICNIC?

FOOD SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR COOKOUT

Pesky organisms can ruin a festive picnic by causing abdominal cramps, nausea or diarrhea. Tiny organisms that we can't see, taste, or smell can cause food poisoning. Symptoms of food poisoning can appear within hours, or not until the next day. Food poisoning is especially dangerous for seniors, young children, and people with compromised immune systems. Pay attention to these helpful hints and you could have a very enjoyable summer.

- 1. Eat first, play later. The longer food sits out the greater the chance that food can become hazardous.*
- 2. Invest in a cooler and always use it. Put ice on top of the food to keep it chilled. Since cold air sinks, putting ice only at the bottom could jeopardize food near the lid.*
- 3. Keep the cooler in a shady spot, this helps keep the temperature inside cold for as long as possible.*
- 4. Thaw frozen foods in the refrigerator, not on the counter top or in the trunk of the car at the picnic, food can easily become dangerous as a result of incorrect thawing procedures.*
- 5. Bring the right equipment to deal with raw foods. Use plastic bags with a secure zipper-type lock, and have plenty of premoistened towelettes to clean hands. Raw meat or poultry should be rinsed at home and transported in plastic bags. Be careful of cross-contamination of foods. Don't put cooked foods on plates that have previously held raw meats or poultry, and don't use utensils that have been in contact with raw foods.*
- 6. Limit the time food sits out at a picnic to less than an hour, especially if the weather is hot. Most people think food is safe sitting out for two hours, but in hot weather it isn't, even in the shade.*
- 7. Keep potato salads and other products with mayonnaise refrigerated as long as possible. Some people mistakenly believe that adding the mayonnaise right before serving will protect the salad. But the mayonnaise can actually retard the growth of some organisms. The key is to refrigerate the salad after it is made, and to keep it chilled.*
- 8. Keep all foods, even cut fruits and vegetables, chilled for as long as possible. Once the surfaces of fruits and vegetables are exposed to the air, contamination can occur.*
- 9. Check baked goods. Butter cream or whipped cream frostings can spoil as well, so watch that baked goods aren't left out in the sun.*
- 10. Drink lots of water at picnics. Caffeinated soft drinks are dehydrating, as are alcoholic beverages. Parents should make sure young children are drinking enough water.*



Protect yourself from identity theft

Air Force officials are asking Airmen to stay extra vigilant in protecting their credit and themselves from identity theft in light of the recent theft of 26.5 million veteran's records from the home of a Department of Veterans Affairs employee in May.

The VA announced that the stolen records might include personal information of people currently in the military, according to a VA news release. Initial findings from the VA indicated the personal information on about 50,000 active duty, National Guard and Reserve Airmen may have been involved.

As the two agencies compared electronic files, VA and the Department of Defense learned that personal information on as many as 1.1 million active-duty servicemembers, 430,000 National Guardsmen, and 645,000 members of the Reserve may have been

included in the data theft.

The VA has received no reports that the stolen data has been used for fraudulent purposes. However, the VA is asking all veterans to carefully monitor bank statements, credit card statements and any statements relating to recent financial transactions.

Several resources are available for people to go to for more information. The VA has set up a special Web site at www.firstgov.gov/veteransinfo and a toll-free telephone number, 800-FED-INFO or 800-333-4636, that feature up-to-date news and information on the data compromise.

The site offers tips on how to check credit reports, how to guard against identity theft and whom to call if an individual believes any fraudulent activity is occurring using his or her personal information.

The Air Force and DoD are working closely with the VA to determine how many Airmen and other service members may be affected by the compromise of records. Airmen whose information has been compromised will be notified by the VA so they can take the appropriate steps.

Questions or concerns regarding the loss of this data can be directed to the aforementioned phone numbers and website. (AFPN)

Did You Know?

Did you know that you *must* adhere to the AFI 91-207 when operating a motorcycle? Some of the guidelines include:

Operators and Passengers must wear a protective helmet ALWAYS!

Operator and any passenger must wear impact resistant goggles or a full-face shield on their helmet. **Exception:** Goggles or a full-face shield are not required for the operator if the motorcycle is equipped with a windshield that is equal to or above the top of the helmet of the properly upright-seated operator

Brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer upper garment during the day and reflective during the night must also be worn. Outer upper garment will be clearly visible and not covered

Long sleeved shirts or jackets, full fingered motorcycle gloves or mittens, and long trousers must be worn.

Also footwear such as leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes are strongly encouraged. (PA)



Photo by Airman Jamie Perry

Summer Rides

As the temperature rises more and more people are riding their motorcycles. To keep safe, all DoD personnel who ride on or off base are required to take a **mandatory** motorcycle safety course. To sign up for the next course or ask questions contact Paul Adams at 412-474-8015.



The Recruiting Corner



Get a New Job Learn to Fly

Have you ever wanted to fly? This could be the opportunity of a lifetime! The 758th Airlift Squadron is actively recruiting for all aircrew positions: Pilots, Navigators, Flight Engineers and Load Masters. Now more than ever, the Air Force is reinvesting in itself. Why should it not invest in its current members? Becoming an Aircrew member is not easy, but if you never ask the question, you will never know the answer.

PILOTS and NAVIGATORS: College Graduates seeking a flying career are encouraged to submit applications for Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training or Joint Specialized Undergraduate Navigator Training. You must provide education, employment and /or military history along with AFOQT scores. Although it is not a requirement, it is encouraged to include any flying history. Pilot positions require members pass and maintain a Class I flight physical, while Navigators are required to pass and maintain a Class II flight physical. If you have any questions about the qualifications for these positions, contact:

Pilot Scheduler Capt. Ed Jackson at (412) 474-8941.
E-Mail: Edward.Jackson@Pittsburgh.AF.MIL

or

Chief Navigator Lt. Col. Aldo Filoni at
(412) 474-8155.

E-Mail: Aldo.Filoni@Pittsburgh.AF.MIL

Congratulations!!

The 911th Airlift Wing would like
to welcome...

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Airman 1st Class Timothy P. Mobley
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Airman 1st Class Mark J. Stevens Jr.
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In order to accept the challenge of Aircrew, you have to make the first step...*CALL TODAY!*



**Senior Airman
Adam Biancucci**

Unit: 911th Aeromedical
Evacuation Squadron

Job: Health Services Manage-
ment

Job Scope: Passport Monitor,
Annual Tour Monitor

Most demanding job aspect:
Trying to make everyone
happy and trying to be where you
need to be on time

Most rewarding job aspect: I
get to be around these lovely
people every month

Hometown: Ohioville, Pa.

Hobbies: Golf, Softball, Fishing,
Watching Baseball

Favorite food: Anything Italian

Favorite music: Punk and
Country

Favorite movie: Remember the
Titans, Field of Dreams

Who'd play you in a movie?
Adam Sandler or Larry the
Cable Guy

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David C. Hall



To Master Sergeant:

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Joyce L. Smith



ATTENTION!!!

New stop signs have recently been added to Defense Avenue at the the Fitness Center and Base Exchange intersections. Please adhere to all state laws and STOP at the sign, do not roll through!



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